

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2011
6:30P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 6:40p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant (Absent), Councilmember Darrell Hardy (Absent), Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Absent)

Staff: Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The City Council skipped the invocation on the Special Session agenda.

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

Council President Gatling stated that the agenda could not be modified in a Special Session and thus it is approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- None

3. LEGISLATION:

- None

4. MEETING TOPICS:

- 4.1.1. None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Feggans Center-Councilwoman Simms asked the City Council what we are going to do with the Feggans Center. She stated that she thought the monies

that were given to Mayor Grant for the Feggans Center was to assist with the restoration of the center.

- She stated that he is planning to break ground in the next few months.
- Councilman Porter stated that the money needed for the Feggans Center will be more than the \$250,000. There has been some discussion for years regarding the development of the Feggans Center. There is a committee in place and rather or not we have received reports as stated is irrelevant. It would be prudent at this point to bring in all parties involved concerning the development or the process. Councilman Porter further stated it is best for everything to come out with all parties
- Councilwoman Simms said it isn't the project, but the Feggans Center that we need to decide, if it is going to be restored. We need to know if the structure of the building is strong. We have never been told that the building structure wasn't strong.
- Councilman Porter wanted to know where we are in the decision making process in moving forward.
- Councilwoman Simms said what we asked is in reference to the building. She's not saying that it is a bad plan, and we may not need a new city hall or the other buildings
- Councilwoman Gatling stated she has reviewed the pin that was sent out by the City Clerk and everyone was copied on the message.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that she doesn't have a problem with all parties being brought to the table. However, we were not involved in the process of the plans being developed
- Councilman Porter stated that if we feel that it is a lack of information we need to bring the parties forward to discuss the changes.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that we truly did not have a committee. It was two or three names on paper. We had three meetings and were presented with plans.
- Councilman Porter stated that he's not getting excited about anything, but the process. We need to find out why did it changed from one particular process to another.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that we can ask the Mayor to come before the Council and he has presented the project to the Council two times. When he presents no one ask any questions.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that when he presented to the Council everyone was in awe with the project.

- Councilman Porter stated that it was an issue when the package was presented for a steel roof in 2008. Now, we have an issue with the package.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that the money that was allocated for the project in FY2010 budget specified the purpose.
- She requested the City Clerk to pull up the budget and read the language. The City Clerk read the language regarding the money allocated in the FY2010 budget.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that she doesn't feel that she had any input in the project as a committee member. She was presented with the drawings and renderings of the project.
- Councilman Porter stated that when the drawings was presented it was said that it isn't permanent
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that when you say ground breaking that means you have money to begin the process. Where is the money for the project
- Councilman Porter wanted to know if there were any citizens involved in the process.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that we know that it was a Citizens Advisory Committee that consisted of five (5) residents. The five residents will not make a decision for the 5,000 residents. We have a government of eight (8) people, and all of the Council does not agree with the project.
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that we had plans for the restoration of the Feggans Center. We need to decide what we want to do with the Feggans Center. She understands that there hasn't been any development in the City in over 20 years. Councilwoman Gatling stated that the meetings are open to the Mayor and he has a spot on the agenda. The agenda was sent to him and because he knew we were discussing the project he should have been present. She stated that what are we going to do with Feggans Center? We need to do the work for the residents by restoring the Feggans Center. She stated that she isn't focused on the senior development that can be left up to the next administration, as she will not be here for those who want to know she will not be running in the next election.
- Councilman Porter stated who is the Council to decide what should be done with the project?
- Councilwoman Gatling stated that in accordance to the City Charter the Council is the legislative branch that makes the laws. The Mayor is the ceremony head for the City who presents the budget to the City Council.
- Councilman Porter stated that the City Council commissioned him with this project and if we feel he did not do what was requested we should bring him

before the Council and find out why and what has changed the initial process.

- Councilwoman Gatling requested for the City Clerk to find out when the Mayor will be available to meet with the Council.
- Councilman Porter stated that when the ward representatives have their meetings on Saturdays. He would like to attend, but his schedule will not allow him to attend on Saturday's morning.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1.1. Ward I Meeting, Saturday, February 19, 2011, City Hall-Council Chambers at 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

6.1.2. Park & Planning Sub Region IV Meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 2011 St. Margaret's Church, at 6:30p.m.

6.1.3. Will Preparation, Cereta Lee, Register of Wills, Thursday, February 24 2011, Council Chambers at 10:00a.m.

6.1.4. Ward V Meeting, Saturday, February 26, 2011, City Hall-Council Chambers, at 10:00a.m.

ADJOURN-. The meeting adjourned at 7:23p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk